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solutely divorced," says the Harrisontruth of long and high standing in the But when the Times, discoursing further, strays away from the safe ground of accepted adage, its statements fail to command such

ready and whole-hearted approval.

emporary finds, in short, that under Democratic management politics and politics entered largely into the selecfar sighted, just and wise, which does of way; and at each of the three cor this is a very different thing from at- conditions anything like speed is en oard or charged it with nutting politics above the public good. Consider ng the size of the first disappointnent, the manner of its acceptance

irming that capable applicants for superintendencies "stood no the Democratic political machine. ful organ of "the Democratic political

fear about "the newer educational han choosing them at the polls, is descience.

SLAVERY IN MEXICO! If "Siberia is hell frozen over," then Yucatan is hell aflame," says John Kenneth Turner in the current issue of the American Magazine. This lurid arraignment of peonage as it exists in Southern Mexico to-day, Accordin its worst form, is to be found solidy intrenched in the Yucatan peninsula. The system there has none of the and sale, corporal punishment and all dormitories, and feeds them on pro-

visions that are unimaginably vile. It is highly probable that Mr. Turner

ago by Alice le Plongeon. cative have a manifest basis in dismal ly said, and more, and said it forty fact. Aspparently the system is the years earlier. outcome of constitutional provisions that easily give room for abuse. The dexican Constitution specifically pro- which New England once expressed itvides against labor without compen- self about the South, and heartly symtation, and against contracts in which pathizing with his impulse to combat laxer than our own constitutional pro- in the least excited about what Lowell vision, which authorizes "serviture" in wrote in 1865, even though he had the "punishment of crime." (Amendment singular unwisdom to reprint it twen-XIII., clause 1.) But where the latter ty-three years later. Mr. Weaver asks has never and can never give place to us if the time has not come "for South-

peonage, the Mexican law seems to ern editors to demand that falsehoods have been shamefully overriden by rich

It is interesting to observe that a recent bandbook from the Bureau of American Republics describes a system that bears a marked similarity to the his possessions in accordance with the of the Spanish conquest. . . . His the soil are called, are generally descended from those his father had beerally receive from 20 to 871-2 cents a Such customs may easily degenerate into a form of peenage, dif- them to their heart's content. fering in no essential respect from

If conditions are as bad as they are world to enter a most vigorous protest. International indignation, which is overtaking all these slanders and conditions in the Congo, cannot fail to burg Times, correctly stating a great bring about the needed reforms in

THE CAR SERVICE ON MAIN STREET.

A standing complaint against the the annoyingly slow time made over the Main Street lines between Tenth and Sixth Streets. The trip over these blocks elsewhere, and to passengers an exceedingly difficult problem to dea these tracks-five between Eighth and traffic is heavy from morning to night crosstown line continually contend

Means of remedying the congestio at this point have been discussed often the traction company has devoted first and most obvious suggestion is to t must be on the near corner, to make rear platform, where passengers enter platform (is deemed impracticable; and times, it has never been adopted.

overcrowded tracks. Would it not be at morning and night-and transfer f appointing superintendents, rather Main Street car or two would care for them to the transfer point, and a extra Oakwood and Broad car or two machine" paper referred require the duplicated service it is tive office that is "absolutely divorced car that is pulled over the Main Stree all the others.

LOWELL IN 1865. A letter comes to this office from the Rev. Rufus W. Weaver, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Nashville, inclosing a very interesting re figure is only one count in a flaming print from the British Weekly, a lead ing Nonconformist journal of Great Britain. It seems that that periodical ing to Mr. Turner, de facto slavery, published an exceedingly disgusting and untruthful paragraph reflecting on the conduct of Southern women during the war-to which we shall certainly pairiarchal features that alone make give no circulation here-and that Mr. slavery tolerable. It involves barter Weaver immediately and indignantly denounced these statements as "a monthe worst horrors of involuntary servi- strous slander" and challenged the tude. Service for debt is said to be writer's authority. The editor of the the legal basis for a system that works British Weekly, in reply, thanks Mr. Mayas and Yaquis fourteen hours a Weaver and other Southern protesday, houses them in miserable, barred tants for their "kind tone," and expresses himself as greatly puzzled that none of them should have recognized the source of his information. "Our has overdrawn the picture. A casual authority." he says, "is no less a man visitor, unfamiliar with social customs, than James Russell Lowell," adding in can readily misinterpret them, as Olm- welcome explanation, "one of the classtead and Buckingham showed in the sic authors of America." And he lays of American slavery. The lia- proves this assertion, at least, to be flays of American slavery. The lia-bility for unconscious error is particu-larly great in Yucatan, where there Lowell's "Scotch the Snake or Kill gage him to find the cost of living for exists a system of communal native It?"-a passage which incidentally reago by Alice le Plongeon.

At the same time, the specific charges and exact details of Mr. Turner's narand exact details of Mr. Turner's nartive herve a marifest harie is also at the fact that the British Week.

A Parting Lay.

What is there here that holds me?
Why do I dread to go?
No lefty charm enfolds me,
That easis a bilthesome glow. labor, pointed out almost thirty years veals the fact that the editor had and exact details of Mr. Turner's nar- Lowell said all that the British Week-

While sharing in the fullest Mr. Weaver's indignation at the manner in liberty is lost. This is no these utterances, we are unable to feel

regarding Southern women shall no onger appear in the standard works bound to ask him how Southern editors could possibly enforce any such

written. If any friendly person lives who has the authority to mutilate his works and thereby save his name from the stigma of his own errors, we do search the publications of 1865 we shall doubtless find his falsehoods and many doubtiess find his faisehoods and many others repeated again and again. There is no way in which Southern editors can elide these passages from printed books, and no way in which they can prevent publishers from reprinting them to their heart's content.

Now to these any reason why they

should busy themselves with the effort, History is doing the work, and doing painted, it is the duty of the civilized it infinitely better. Slowly, perhaps, but surely as the mills of the gods, it freed the serfs of Russia and bettered untruths, crushing them to powder and ell enjoys some reputation as a writer, but not even Boston deems him a historian. His shrill voice of forty years ago has been long since drowned out by the voices of competent authority, street car service in this city is should feel distressed by such a pas sage as this. It cannot hurt or defame the South; but as long as it stands it holds and imprisons, like a fly caught in amber, the narrow bigotry and small

> The coroner originated in England, and there Lord Chancellor Campbell described him as, next to the sheriff, the most important civil officer in the country," The organization meeting of the Virginia Coroners' Associa tion, a body which has a real field for the State now maintain this very to the cause of justice, if not of the general tightening up of the whole statute pertaining to coroners, parand circuit court judge to appoint at stated intervals a coroner "for his

night's island fishing, declares that the "Ballinger-Pinchot fight" is a no row on his hands. All but the nottest Ballingerites will hear this with pleasure and share the popular forester's hope that "matters will be returns to Washington. If he feels that he can run his department without friction which would impair its present usefulness, so much the better, ceived all the presidential praises, Mr. Pinchot perhaps finds sufficient of a law which will give unimpeachable form to the policy long ago adopted by the forestry service.

enough to make its head swim.

Mr. Bailinger is now traveling in the President's car. There is no room for poor Mr. Pinchot even in the

If storms, floods and fever canno convince New Orleans people that Old Virginia is the only place for civilized we ever knock it into their heads?

Each day our industrious President grinds out large instalments of food-forthought for the high-browed edi-

The Cook-Peary controversy may be getting thresome, but few people seem willing to take their eyes off it to find out whether the Spanlards are licking the Moors or vice versa.

Are the stars in their courses really cheming and pulling for Bryan?

As we read the news, "formerly prominent Wail Street men" always go to the Mills Hotel when they die.

We must remember to save a few freedoms of the city for the crew of the Roosevelt. Dr. Ennion G. Williams, State Health

Commissioner, reports that oysters are large, healthful and plentiful. We wish to lose no time in congratulating the Doctor on his boarding-house.

Sydney is too small to ovate in Brooklyn's class. And remember, these tall young fellows who are coming together at our colleges are technically designated the c.ass of 1913. The boys of around '79 can hardly understand it.

Dr. Cook is receiving training which would make him invaluable as a centre-rush.

September 15 was no true Derby Day in Richmond.

Many rough roads I wandered, On journeys fraught with strife, The while I calmly pondered 'Midst heated frays of life.

The broll of wild commotion,
is not a cheerful tone;
Alas, a bitter portion
To one who plods alone.

As a bird in some dark bower Carols a Triendly song, I sang in the midnight hour, A medley sweet and long.

Somewhere there may be waiting.
A golden chance in store,
Where hope is more elating,
And joy returns once more,
GEORGE SANDS JOHNSON.

Borrowed Jingles.

HAPPY LITTLE JOHNNY. Ain't I glad that school's begun?
Ain't I glad vacation's through?
Ain't I glad it ends my fun?
Honest Injun, now-ain't you?
Ain't I glad F gotter learn,
'Car there's lots I orter know?
Ain't I nappy to return
To my teacher? Ain'T I, though!

Ain't I glad I can't play ball?
Ain't I glad that I can't skate?
Ain't I glad the tencher's call
Brings me back to books an' slate?
Ain't I slad I gotter mind,
Er git licked from head to toe?
Ain't I slad I gotte onined
In the schoolroom—AIN'T I, though!

MERELY JOKING.

The Sudden Awakening,

Romivitic Girl: "Oh, George: What a sweet draum is love:" Cynical Bus Diver: "M-yes, and matri-mony is the alarm clock,"-liustrated Bits. Too Much Seen to Grow Tired.

Nell: "That was a frightfully long ser-non the minister preached this morning." Beller "Why, I didn't notice it was un-Belle: "Why, I didn't notice it was unusually long."
Nell: "Or course not; you had on a ne hat."-Philadelphia Record.

Naturally So.

The Major: "Watt's wife is a suffragette.
The Colonel: "What's Watts?"
"A sufferer"—Smart Set.

The Most Important Lesson "What lesson did you learn from this new Problem Novel?"
"Not to read any more books by the same author."—Cleveland Leader.

More Than a Hint.

"I may have remained a trifle late, but er remarks were too pointed."
"What did she say, Ferdy?"
"What fid she say, Ferdy?"
"Told me thelf lease was about to ex-re."—Louisylle Courier-Journal.

A Potential Difference.

WISDOM IN SMALL DOSES.

THE flying men are assembling to take part in the Hudson-Fulton celebration; but, as their winged engines are being trundled to the scene in freight cars, it is to be inferred that the conquest of the air still lacks something of completeness.—Providence Journal.

Mr. Pearv's objection is not so much that Dr. Cook's expedition should have submisted on gur drops as that it should have traveled on gur shoes.—Washington Herald.

The Department of Agriculture is now for

The Department of Agriculture is now fig-uring upon a plan for keeping eggs fresh, no matter how old. But it will be doubted whether such an achievement would be a blessing.—Pittsburg Disparch.

Speaker Cannon is for the conservation of the farms. Did they do that in eighteen sixty something, too?—St. Louis Post-Dis-patch.

At Annotook the sun shines constantly from April 23 until August 19. It must be difficult for the captain of a baseball team that is being defeated there to have the game called on account of darkness,—Chicago-Record-Herald.

THE LESSON OF JOHNSON'S LIFE.

Throughout the United States generally, children between the ages of six and fourieen are required to attend the public schools. According to a writer in the Van Norden Magazine for September, investigation shows that the courses of study arranged cannot be completed in the time limit. In a few like Aurora, Ili, Meriden, Conn.; Clucinnati, O.; Trenton, N. J.; Utica and St. Louis, the average time was less than nine years, so these are banner cities. On the other hand, the average child in numerous other cities needed more than ten years to finish the lower school course. In this group are Memphis, Teon. (both white and colored); Troy, N. Y.; Camden, N. J.; Wilmington (colored); Kansas City, and Erie, Pa. These last two cities would have to keep their scholars twelve to twelve and a half years, respectively, to get them through an eight-grade course.

In general, children are kept through the sixth grade. Then, two years before they have finished a lower school course, they drop out and go to work. The best cities, including Boston, Denver, Fort Wayne, Grand Rapids, Los Angeles, Minnenpolls, New Haven, Omaha, Portland, Me. and Portland, Ore; Springheld and Troy, keep them through the seventh, as do various smaller towns with an unusually prosperous population, but the average course for the American child is six grades, The Commissioner of Education, in his report for 1907, gave a study of 336 towns with a population of 8,000 and over. The first grades contained 447,815 pupils, and the eighth but 117,978. It may be said, on pretty with another, about half (probably less) of the children who enter the lower schools complete the course. opeka State Journal.

The Courts of Europe

By La Marquise de Fontenoy.

A Distinguished Visitor.

ORD BALFFOUR, of Burleigh, who arrived in this country on Saturday last, who is now staying with Ambassador Bryce, and who on landing expressed very strongly hiddisapproval of the somewhat sensational speech of Admiral Lord Charles Berestord at the Pilgrims' luncheen in New York on Friday, virtually predicting war, is no relation to Arthur Baifour, though he was formerly Service of the same Cabinet as Arthur Baifour, though he was formerly Service of the same Cabinet as Arthur Baifour, Morelver, his patronymic is not Balfour, but Bruce, and his Scotch Baifour, Morelver, his patronymic is not Balfour, but Bruce, and his Scotch Baifour, but Bruce, and his Scotch Dim from the distant side of the house, namely, through the marriage of Mary, daughter of the fourth Lord Balfour of Burleigh, to General Alexander Bruce, a cadet of the house of Bruce, of which King Robert Bruce was a member, and or which the Earl of Elgin is the present chief.

Lord Baifour of Burleigh, who as Lord Warden of the Stannaries of Cornwall and Devon, and Master Forester of Dartmoor, is one of the chief dignataries of the household of the Frince of Wales, is a man of unusually striking physique, being extremely tall, broad-shouldered in proportion, towering head and shoulders above most people, and presenting a very in pressive appearance. He owes his peerago to the fact that it was revited in his favor by the late Queen Luder after the passage of an act of Farliament in March, 1869, to remove the attainder to which it had been subject for the previous 169 years.

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peringe, which dates from 1807, comes too him from the distar after of the louse, peringe, which dates from 1807, the new peringe, which dates from 1807, the new peringe, which dates from 1807, the new peringer of the fourth Lord Enforce of Burleigh, to General Alexander Drines, a cadet of the house of Bruce, member, and or which the Earl of English is the present chief.

Lord Enforce of Burleigh, who are Cornwall and Devon, and Master Forcesser of Dartmoor, is one of the chief dignatures of the household of the dignature of the household of the dignatures of the househ reached the House of Lords, and the

ter opportunities.—Southwest Times

Voice of the People.

Site of the Times-Dispatch;
Sir,—Your editorial of to-day being altogether unjust and unfair, I have concluded to attempt to set you right, so far as I am concerned, in the question of moving beach marks in Fairmount;

so far as I am concerned, in the question of moving bench marks in Fairmount.

1st. The corner-stones are set to the lines of the streets, and not set to fix grades of streets, though they may be used as level points for the sake of convenience.

In Fairmount there were several of the original corner-stones, setting up out of the ground and liable to fail out of position. As these stones were material basis of street lines in the survey of annexed territory, I had them placed deeper in the ground, to preserve the original lines. In two instances they were used for level points in the course of making survey of annexed territory, simply as a check to elevations, and put upon profile as elevations, and put upon profile as elevations, and put upon profile as elevations, and put upon profile have bench marks. In addition to these two, however, there were twenty other bench marks recorded in profile in the same vicinity, the purpose of which was to use them as checks to any levels that might be taken for any levels that might be taken for any levels that might be taken for any levels that mercord in making survey of annexed territory, and there was no missake in

was to use them as checks to any levels that might be taken for any purpose. This mode of checking was done in making survey of annexed territory, and there was no mistake in my notes.

In the area that was graded there were corner-stones used as level points or bench marks, and levels should have been checked on more than one corner-stone to make sure of correct elevations of grade off streets.

My purpose throughout the survey was to establish more desirable bench marks than corner-stones, which are liable to be removed by any one building a fence, a house, or, if the exposed places, driving heavy vehicles over it. And I have recently transferred the levels to corporation stones, as more permanent bench marks.

Please note that bench marks are not concerned in grades of streets any further than using the elevation, which should, in every instance, be checked.

You will please publish this in your esteemed paper to-morrow, that my friends and the public may know in what manner I am concerned in the matter of grading in Fairmount.

M. O. HANKINS.

Richmond, September 22.

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Local Option.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir,—It was with interest that I read your editorial entitled "A Liquor Referendum" in the issue of your valued paper of the 18th. I was particularly struck with the expression near its close as follows: "State-wide prohibition, by whatever means secured, is utterly opposed to local option."

Immediately preceding this sentence you had called attention to the Democratic and Republican dootrine by saying: "We do know that the Democratic party. And the Republican party. have both declared for local option." We beg to say that we not only agree with the Democratic party and with the Republican party, but we have the honor to be clearly in harmony with you concerning the dootrine of "local option."

Local option is democratic, Local

case it is the voice of the people, and we recognize that the "voice of the people is the voice of God." The only difference between us on the the people is the voice of God." The only difference between us on the much-mouted question of "local option" is the determination of the geographical lines that bound a locality. The term "State-wide prointition" should not be used, for the reason that no State in the Union is wide enough to hold within its limits the cause of prohibition. You perhaps, define the boundaries of a local option district as those of a local option district are the boundaries of a "local state" or Commonwealth, and, in this case, the "locality" referred to is Virginia, and in this locality we are calling for the "democratic right of local option."

When transportation was slow and cumbersome, and telegraphic and telephonic communication limited, or alto-phonic communication limited, or alto-phonic communication limited, or alto-phonic communication limited, or alto-phonic commony known as "South Carolina" that was on December 20, 1869, that we would exercise the right of local option.

I happen to hall from a "locality" commony known as "South Carolina" it was on December 20, 1869, that we would exercise the right of local option within the boundaries of south Carolina. We demanded and asserted that we would exercise the right of local option within the boundaries of south Carolina. We demanded and asserted that was purely a matter of local to option whether we should remain one option.

township or wait but while the wheels roll forward wa but while the wheels roll forward will never admit the propriety of such a term as "State-wide prohibition," because any State in the Union is simply a "locality" for the exercise of its God-given democratic right of "State local option," because "local option," because "local option," because "local option necessarily "is and by right ought to be" applied to an entire State or Commenwealth, J. B. GENTRY, Richmond, September 20, 1909.

he came into office that he was required to fill said guilly, and proceeded to do so by putting thousands of loads of dirt therein, which was being excavated from a lot on Thirty-second Street, between Clay and Leigh Streets

blackboard before any one saw it, which was done by a vote of the committee.

I learned afterwards that Clay's bld was 21 cents per cubic yard, and as Maynard and Ford got the contract at 25 cents per cubic yard, and as I found afterwards that Mr. Clay was doing the work, it looked to me as if there had been a deal between Maynard and Ford and Mr. Clay, which would cost the city about \$1.500, which was the difference between the 21 and 25-cent bld.

the city about \$1,500, which was the bid.

I did want to investigate this matter and think now, as I did then, that it needed investigation.

I mentioned this matter in the Street Committee, which resulted in a resolution being passed that hereafter nabider for city work should be allowed to withdraw his bid without the consent of the committee in regular session.

Mr. Clay says I have "investigation on the brain," and in reply I wish to say that I think there is a crying need of it. In conclusion, I want to say that I think there is a crying need of it. In conclusion, I want to say that neither Mr. Clay's insinuation, nor the enmity of the City Engineer's office, nor the criticisms of certain newspapers, nor the sneering, discourteous conduct of certain Assistant City Engineers will deter me from bringing out all the facts when I am olaced upon an investigating committee, or at any other time, as far as in my nower lies.

I have no axe to grind and nothing to hide, and am ready and anxious at all times to have the limelight turned upon all my official acts.

CHARLES E. RICHARDS.

Richmond, September 21.

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